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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Nicholas J. DORAN, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/083,966

Filed: May 26, 1998

For: DISPERSION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM FOR SOLITON OPTICAL
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 2633

Examiner: K. Negash

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 27, 2002, the period for response to which extends through June 27, 2002, Applicant requests cancellation of claim 9; amendment of claims 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25-29 and 31 as follows; and reconsideration of the final rejection of claims 8, 10-14, 16-20, and 22-32. Applicant also concurrently files a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections and a Submission of Corrected Formal Drawings that correct Figure 5 as required by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 25-29 and 31 as follows
(claims 8-14, 16-20, and 22-32 are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience):